GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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PROCUREMENT OF PADDY AND RICE BY AP
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has sought assistance from the Union Governmentregarding procurement of rice by the FCI in the state;

(b) if so, the details thereof, alongwith reaction of the Union Government thereto; and

(c) the details of the quantity of paddy procured by the FCI from the state during the current year?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI CHAUHAN)

(a)&(b): At the request of the State Government of Andhra Pradesh, for 2001-2002 Kharif Marketing Season, a target of procurement of levy rice up to 70 lakh MT has been fixed by the Food Corporation of India, as against 55 lakh tonnes procured last year. Besides, it has also been decided that FCI will accept Custom Milled Rice to the extent of 70% of the target of10 lakh tonnes of paddy to be procured in Andhra Pradesh.

(c): During the current season 2000-2001, till 23.7.2001, the Food Corporation of India hasprocured a quantity of 55078 MTs of paddy in the State of Andhra Pradesh.